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1. SUMMARY: IN INTERVENTIONS DURING AFTERNOON SESSION OF FOURTH COMMITTEE NOVEMBER 2 REPRESENTATIVES OF MALAYSIA AND GUINEA BISSAU COMMENTED ON TIMOR ISSUE, WITH MALAYSIA SUPPORTING INDONESIAN POSITION THAT DECOLONIZATION HAS OCCURRED AND TIMORESE PEOPLE HAVE CHOSEN INTEGRATION WITH INDONESIA AND GUINEA BISSAU DENOUNCING INDONESIAN POSITION AND CALLING FOR WITHDRAWAL OF INDONESIAN TROOPS FROM EAST TIMOR. FIVE OF SEVEN SPEAKERS IN FOURTH COMMITTEE DEBATE NOVEMBER 3 RAISED TIMOR ISSUE. ANGOLA, SIERRA LEONE AND CHINA DEALT EXCLUSIVELY WITH TIMOR. ALL THREE CONDEMNED INDONESIA'S ACTIONS AND CALLED FOR WITHDRAWAL OF INDONESIAN FORCES FROM EAST TIMOR. MAKING BRIEF REFERENCE TO TIMOR ISSUE, YUGOSLAVIA CALLED FOR RIGHT OF SELF-DETERMINATION FOR THE PEOPLE THERE. ZAIRE SUPPORTED INDONESIA'S POSITION THAT TIMOR IS INTEGRAL PART OF INDONESIA. END SUMMARY.

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2. IN STATEMENT DURING AFTERNOON SESSION OF FOURTH COMMITTEE NOVEMBER 2, MALAYSIAN REPRESENTATIVE HELD DECOLONIZATION HAD ALREADY TAKEN PLACE IN EAST TIMOR. PEOPLE HAD CHOSEN INTEGRATION WITH EAST TIMOR. DECISION HAD BEEN TAKEN THROUGH DULY ELECTED MEMBERS OF PEOPLE'S REPRESENTATIVE ASSEMBLY. MALAYSIA CALLED ON UN TO

SUPPORT EFFORTS OF INDONESIA TO BRING ABOUT ECONOMIC RECONSTRUCTION AND REHABILITATION OF EAST TIMOR.

3. ALSO DURING NOVEMBER 2 AFTERNOON SESSION, GUINEA BISSAU DENOUNCED INVASION OF EAST TIMOR BY INDONESIAN GOVERNMENT AND REQUESTED THAT INDONESIA WITHDRAW ITS OCCUPYING FORCES IMMEDIATELY TO PERMIT PEOPLE TO FREELY CHOOSE THEIR OWN DESTINY. (MALAYSIA AND GUINEA BISSAU STATEMENTS PREVIOUSLY REPORTED IN USUN 4301--USUN DAILY SUMMARY FOR NOVEMBER 2.)

4. ANGOLA, FIRST OF SEVEN SPEAKERS IN FOURTH COMMITTEE ON NOVEMBER 3, GAVE STRONG SUPPORT TO FRETILIN'S STRUGGLE. ANGOLAN REPRESENTATIVE CONDEMNED AGGRESSION COMMITTED AGAINST EAST TIMOR. HE CLAIMED WESTERN COLONIALIST AND IMPERIALIST POWERS RESPONSIBLE FOR SITUATION IN EAST TIMOR.

5. REPRESENTATIVE OF SIERRA LEONE EMPHATICALLY DISAGREED WITH INDONESIAN POSITION THAT PROBLEM OF EAST TIMOR HAS CEASED TO EXIST AS PROBLEM OF DECOLONIZATION. SHE CHALLENGED INDONESIA'S CLAIM THAT RIGHT OF SELF-DETERMINATION HAS BEEN CARRIED OUT IN EAST TIMOR WITH INTEGRATION AS RESULT. SHE CALLED ON INDONESIA TO END ITS ILLEGAL MILITARY OCCUPATION OF EAST TIMOR WITHOUT DELAY.

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6. CHINESE REPRESENTATIVE PROCLAIMED HIS GOVERNMENT AND PEOPLE RESOLUTELY SUPPORTED JUST STRUGGLE OF PEOPLE OF EAST TIMOR FOR INDEPENDENCE. HE DENOUNCED INDONESIA FOR "FABRICATING SO-CALLED WILL OF THE PEOPLE" AND FOR NOT IMPLEMENTING RELEVANT UNGA AND SC RESOLUTION. INDONESIA SHOULD WITHDRAW ITS FORCES SO THAT INDONESIAN PEOPLE CAN EXERCISE RIGHT OF SELF-DETERMINATION WITHOUT FOREIGN INTERFERENCE. CHINESE REPRESENTATIVE WARNED THAT THE TWO SUPERPOWERS ARE ENGAGED IN "FIERCE RIVALRY IN SOUTHEAST ASIA" TODAY. HE URGED INDONESIA TO CEASE ITS AGGRESSION AND ESTABLISH GOOD RELATIONS WITH EAST TIMOR SO THAT THE SUPERPOWERS CANNOT TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THE SITUATION IN EAST TIMOR TO "FISH IN MUDDY WATERS."

7. IN HIS GENERAL STATEMENT ON A RANGE OF DECOLONIZATION ISSUES, YUGOSLAV REPRESENTATIVE INCLUDED ONE SENTENCE COVERING BOTH EAST TIMOR AND BRUNEI. HE NOTED PEOPLES OF BOTH TERRITORIES MUST BE ALLOWED RIGHT OF SELF-DETERMINATION.

8. THE REPRESENTATIVE OF ZAIRE ALSO COVERED A NUMBER OF COLONIAL PROBLEMS IN HIS NOVEMBER 3 STATEMENT. ON TIMOR, HE BLAMED FAILURE OF PORTUGUESE DECOLONIZATION FOR FACT THAT

CONDITIONS FOR PLEBISCITE COULD NOT BE MET IN EAST TIMOR.
HE STRSSED THAT FACT OF PORTUGUESE COLONIZATION OF
EAST TIMOR CANNOT BE USED TO JUSTIFY CREATION OF
SEPARATE TERRITORY THERE AND SUPPORTED INDONESIAN POSITION
THAT EAST TIMOR IS INTEGRAL PART OF INDONESIA.
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